Estimated average flood prone area in the country

2608. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that flood prone areas have increased from 1951 to 1984; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to reverse this trend and prevent colossal loss of life and property?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For reversing this trend, the Central Government had prepared a Model Flood Zoning Bill and circulated the same to the States as early as in 1975 with a request to enact suitable legislation. This matter is being pursued but so far only the Government of Manipur has enacted suitable legislation. However, to prevent loss of life and property, the Central Water Commission has established a flood forecasting network on all important inter-State flood prone rivers in the country, with a view to provide advance warning of the impending floods so that the loss of human lives, moveable properties etc. can be minimised. Besides, the State Governments have been taking various structural works like, embankments, drainage channels, town protection works raising of villages etc. which have provided reasonable degree of protection to an area of about 13 million ha. upto March, 1985.

Curriculum in Ayurvedic Colleges.

2609. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any attempt has been made by Government to teach basic courses in anatomy, psychology, biochemistry etc. in the ayurvedic colleges in order to integrate ancient ayurvedic remedies with modern scientific methodology and clinical investigations;

(b) whether Government have evolved a revised curriculum for teaching ayurveda in ayurvedic colleges with greater emphasis on the clinical investigations and tests; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) In accordance with regulations framing under the Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970, basic courses such as Anatomy Physiology are part of the syllabus of Graduate course in Ayurvedic Colleges.

The modern scientific methodology and clinical investigations are sought to be adopted/practised wherever feasible in investigating diseases and for research purposes. Clinical investigations and tests are done both in accordance with what is preecribed in Ayurvedic classes as well as on the basis of modern scientific methods depending on the requirements of particulor cases.

Extension of 18 Up/17 Dn train

2610. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have received representations for the extension of 18Up/17Dn Saurashtra Janata upto Porbandar in Western Railway;

(b) whether there are also demands for the change of timings for the convenience of travelling public; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Extension of 17/18 Saurashtra Janata Express is not justified on account of inadequacy of traffic. Change in timings as proposed in the representation, are not possible to implement due to following reasons: (i) Due to berthing and maintenance difficulties at Bombay. (ii) Difficulty of movement of sectional coaches. (iii) Commuters will be deprived of the service between Bombay to Valsad.

Amendment of the Delhi School Education Act, 1973 for pension to school employees in Delhi

2611 SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for delay in egecting an amendment in the Delhi School Education Act, 1973 so as to provide pension to all school employees who served between 2nd September, 1972 and 31st December, 1973; and

(b) what is the total number of school employees who served during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Amendment of Delhi School Education Act, 1973, requires prior approval of Metropolitan Council. The amendment bill is presently being processed by Education Department, Delhi Administration, for approval of the Executive Councillor (Education).

(b) About 150.

Loss of life and property due to heavy rains

†2611-A. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any estimates regarding loss of life and property due to heavy rains during the current monsoon in different parts of the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

†Previously Unstarred Question No. 2883, transferred from the 23rd August, 1985.

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) A Statement based on the assessments made by the State Governments is attached. [*See* Appendix CXXXV, Annexure No. 56]

Indigenous Production of Deep Sea Fishing Vessels

†2611 B. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a plan for encouraging indigenous production of deep sea fishing vessels and trawlers in our shipyards;

(b) whether it is a fact that for every trawler which is imported the customer has to place an order for an indigenous trawlers;

(c) whether Government are aware that Indian ship building industry has not yet designed, developed and manufactured deep sea vessels which are comparable in quality and performance to the imported vessels;

(d) whether Government are aware that the cost of building deep sea fishing vessels is quite high;

(e) if the answers to parts (a), (b), (c) and (d) above be in the affirmative whether Government are aware that this policy is likely to adversely affect the fishing industry and lead to stagnation in fish production and exports; and

(f) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) yes, Sir.

†Previously Unstarred Question No. 2142, transferred from the 16th August, 1985.